

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 remain pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider earlier rejections in light of the following remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-31, 33-42 and 45 over Hawkins in view of Pajakowski

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-31, 33-42 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,000,000 to Hawkins et al. ("Hawkins") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,718,425 to Pajakowski et al. ("Pajakowski"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 19, 20, 22-31 and 33-40 recite selecting a first database and a second database on a first graphical user interface and programming a conduit with a map file. Claims 12-18 recite configuring a conduit with a graphical user interface to synchronize a first database and a second database. Claims 41, 42 and 45 recite a configurable conduit programmed with a graphical user interface to synchronize each database of a plurality of databases according to a respective mapping file of a plurality of mapping files.

Hawkins' invention is directed toward the process of synchronizing a portable computer system and a personal computer system (See Abstract). However, Hawkins fails to disclose how the synchronization program that selects two databases is created. Hawkins fails to disclose or suggest utilization of a graphic user interface to select a first database and a second database and programming a conduit, much less a graphical user interface to program a configurable conduit to synchronize databases, as recited by claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-31, 33-42 and 45.

The Office Action acknowledged that Hawkins fails to disclose an important feature of the claims, i.e., a graphical user interface for the creation of a conduit (See Office Action Response to Argument, page 11). The Office Action relies on Pajakowski at col. 15, lines 33-37 and col. 18, lines 5-40 to allegedly

make up for the deficiencies in Hawkins to arrive at the claimed features. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Pajakowski at col. 15, lines 33-37 discloses:

"The user interface of the present invention is designed to be an intuitive presentation of public data link information. User familiar with the Palm type computer style interface should have no problems navigating screens and interpreting information."

Thus, Pakakowski at col. 15, lines 33-37 merely describes the user interface being of a Palm type computer style interface **NOT** disclosing or suggesting **HOW** a conduit is **created**, i.e., a graphic user interface to select a first database and a second database and programming a conduit, much less a graphical user interface to program a configurable conduit to synchronize databases, as recited by claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-31, 33-42 and 45.

Pajakowski at col. 18, lines 5-9 discloses that a conduit is used with the invention to moving programs and files to and from a handheld computer. Pajakowski at col. 18, lines 9-40 simply describes the responsibilities of a conduit, when and how a conduit is activated, and what occurs during an active conduit. Pajakowski at col. 18, lines 5-40, nor anywhere else within Pajakowski, discloses or suggest **HOW** a conduit is **created**, i.e., a graphic user interface to select a first database and a second database and programming a conduit, much less a graphical user interface to program a configurable conduit to synchronize databases, as recited by claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-31, 33-42 and 45.

Therefore, Hawkins modified by the disclosure of Pajakowski would at best result in a theoretical system and method for synchronization of databases between a handheld computer system and a personal computer system (Hawkins), with the handheld computer using a Palm type interface for access to public data link information (Pajakowski). Theoretically modifying Hawkins with the disclosure of Pajakowski would still fail to disclose or suggest **HOW** a conduit is **created**, i.e., a graphic user interface to select a first database and a second database and programming a conduit, much less a graphical user

interface to program a configurable conduit to synchronize databases, as recited by claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-31, 33-42 and 45.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-31, 33-42 and 45 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 21, 32, 43 and 44 over Hawkins in view of Pajakowski and Hawkins2

In the Office Action, claims 3, 21, 32, 43 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Hawkins in view of Pajakowski, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,618 to Hawkins et al. ("Hawkins2"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 3, 21, 32, 43 and 44 are dependent on claims 1, 19, 30 and 41 respectively, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 19, 30 and 41.

Claims 3, 21 and 32 recite selecting a first database and a second database on a first graphical user interface and programming a conduit with a map file. Claims 43 and 44 recite a configurable conduit programmed with a graphical user interface to synchronize each database of a plurality of databases according to a respective mapping file of a plurality of mapping files.

As discussed above, theoretically modifying Hawkins with the disclosure of Pajakowski would fail to disclose or suggest **HOW** a conduit is **created**, i.e., a graphic user interface to select a first database and a second database, much less a graphical user interface to program a configurable conduit to synchronize databases, as recited by claims 3, 21, 32, 43 and 44.

The Office Action relies on Hawkins2 to allegedly make up for the deficiencies in Hawkins and Pajakowski to arrive at the claimed features. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Hawkins2 appears to disclose a system and method of synchronizing data between a portable computer system and a personal computer system (Abstract). To synchronize the information between the

portable computer system and the personal computer system, a user drops the portable computer system into a cradle and presses a synchronization button (See Hawkins2, col. 3, lines 22-25). The synchronization button causes a synchronization program on the portable computer to execute to synchronize information stored on the two computer systems (See Hawkins, col. 3, lines 25-40).

Thus, Hawkins2' invention is directed toward the process of synchronizing a portable computer system and a personal computer system. However, Hawkins2 fails to disclose **HOW** the synchronization program that selects two databases is created, i.e., a graphic user interface to select a first database and a second database and programming a conduit, much less a graphical user interface to program a configurable conduit to synchronize databases, as recited by claims 3, 21, 32, 43 and 44.

Therefore, Hawkins modified by the disclosure of Pajakowski and Hawkins2 would at best result in a theoretical system and method for synchronization of databases between a handheld computer system and a personal computer system (Hawkins and Hawkins2), with the handheld computer using a Palm type interface to interact with a Palm type handheld computer for access to public data link information (Pajakowski). Theoretically modifying Hawkins with the disclosure of Pajakowski and Hawkins2 would still fail to disclose or suggest **HOW** a conduit is created, i.e., a graphic user interface to select a first database and a second database and programming a conduit, much less a graphical user interface to program a configurable conduit to synchronize databases, as recited by claims 3, 21, 32, 43 and 44.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 3, 21, 32, 43 and 44 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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